GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:290
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2006
INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION CODE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate International Trade Classification Code (ITCO) has been framed for the handloom industry in the country;

(b) if so, whether it has been implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay alongwith the problems being faced by the handloom industry due to its non-implementation; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for its early implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN CONNECTION WITH LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 290 FOR ANSWER OF 12/12/2006 REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION CODE

(a) & (b): Separate International Trade Classification Codes for the handloom products are yet to be notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs, Ministry of Finance.

(c) & (d): The matter of allotment of separate international trade classification codes (ITC codes) for handloom products is pending before the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), Ministry of Finance, which is the nodal office for the notification of ITC Codes. The Ministry of Textiles has vigorously pursued the matter with the CBEC, where the matter is now before an Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted for the purpose. The Ministry of Textiles has followed this matter in the Ministry of Commerce as well, and has also been providing all possible information to the said Committee as and when required for earliest notification of ITC Codes. The Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), which is a national level autonomous body in the country for promoting export of Handloom goods, has also taken up this matter with the CBEC as well as the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce.

Though separate ITC (HS) Codes may facilitate collection of export data of handloom products and knowing the export trends, yet even in the absence of separate ITC Codes, the Government of India has been taking requisite policy initiatives to promote handloom exports from the country.